

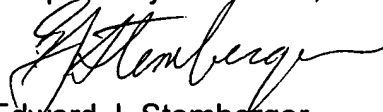
REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 9 and 21 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-20 and 22 are pending.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 21 contain allowable subject matter. In lieu of rewriting claims 9 and 21 in independent format, claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter of claim 9, and claim 13 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 21. All other pending claims depend from either claim 1 or claim 13.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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